

THE STATES assembled on Tuesday,
27th February, 1990 at 9.30 a.m. under
the Presidency of the Bailiff,
Sir Peter Crill, C.B.E.

All Members were present with the exception
of -

Senator Terence John Le Main - out of
the Island.
Robin Ernest Richard Rumboll, Deputy
of St. Helier - out of the Island.
Henri Léon Dubras, Deputy of St.
Martin - out of the Island.
Cynthia Miriam Rumboll, Deputy of St.
Helier - out of the Island.
Alan Payn Bree, Deputy of Grouville -
out of the Island.

Prayers

Subordinate legislation tabled

The following enactment was laid
before the States, namely -

Road and Sand Racing (Amendment)
(Jersey) Order 1990. R & O 8031.

Education Committee: resignation
of member

THE STATES noted the resignation
of Senator Dereck André Carter from the
Education Committee.

Public Services Committee:
appointment of President

There were nominated for appointment as President of the Public Services Committee -

Deputy John Le Gallais of St. Saviour - proposed by Senator Pierre François Horsfall.

Deputy David John de la Haye of St. Helier - proposed by Senator John Stephen Rothwell.

THE STATES, having proceeded to a secret ballot, the Bailiff declared that Deputy Le Gallais has been elected President of the Public Services Committee.

The result of the ballot was as follows -

Deputy Le Gallais 26 votes
Deputy de la Haye 18 votes

Information Technology Development Plan for 1990. R.C.2

The Establishment Committee by Act dated 12th February, 1990, presented to the States a report on the Information Technology Development Plan for 1990.

THE STATES ordered that the said report be printed and distributed.

Broadcasting Committee: report for 1989. R.C. 3

The Broadcasting Committee, by Act dated 8th February, 1990, presented to the States a report for the year 1989.

THE STATES ordered that the said report be printed and distributed.

Matters noted - land transactions

THE STATES noted an Act of the Finance and Economics Committee dated 19th February, 1990 showing that in pursuance of

Standing Orders relating to certain transactions in land, the Committee had approved -

- (a) as recommended by the Public Works Committee, the lease to J.M.T. (1978) Limited of the bus terminus and parking area at the Weighbridge, St. Helier, for a period of one year from 1st January, 1990, at an annual rent of #11,438 for the terminus and #836 for the parking area;
- (b) as recommended by the Public Works Committee, the lease to Mrs. Fay Smith, née Godfray, of shop and store at No. 50, Colomberie, St. Helier, together measuring 739 square feet, for a period of one year from 29th September, 1989, at an annual rent of #6,565;
- (c) as recommended by the Public Works Committee, the lease to Mr. John Evans of shop and store at No. 50, Colomberie, St. Helier, together measuring 281 square feet, for a period of one year from 29th September, 1989, at an annual rent of #4,080;
- (d) as recommended by the Public Works Committee, the lease to Toppers (C.I.) Limited of shop and store at 50, Colomberie, St. Helier, together measuring 455 square feet, for the period 24th March to 28th September, 1990, at a rent for the six month period of #3,139.86;
- (e) as recommended by the Public Works Committee, the purchase from Mr. Walter Joseph Meade and Mrs. Monica Joyce Gladys Meade, née Rand, of 451 square feet of land adjacent to 'Summerfield' and 'La Paloma', St. Brelade's Bay, required in connexion with road improvements and the construction of a footpath, for a consideration of #10,000, with the Committee being responsible for the accommodation works and the payment of all legal fees;

(f) as recommended by the Harbours and Airport Committee, the renewal of the lease to the Jersey Sub-Aqua Club of a club room at La Folie, St. Helier (Letting No. LF4) for a further period of three years, from 1st January, 1990, at an annual rent of #700, with the rent to be reviewed annually in line with the Jersey Cost of Living Index;

(g) as recommended by the Harbours and Airport Committee, the lease to Mr. Maxwell Robert de la Haye of 20 perches of land on Mont à la Brune, Pont Marquet, St. Brelade, for a further period of three years, from 1st February, 1990, at an annual rent of #35;

(h) as recommended by the Public Health Committee, the leasing from Mac Por Development Company Limited of a one-bedroomed flat at 29, Midvale Road, St. Helier, for an initial period of two years from 1st January, 1990, at a rent of #90 a week, with a cost of living rise at the end of the first year, and annual reviews thereafter, required for occupation by hospital staff. (The Committee rescinded paragraph (l) of Act No. 9 of 22nd January, 1990, which was notified to the States on 30th January, 1990).

Matters lodged

The following subjects were lodged
"au Greffe" -

1. Jersey Lifeboat Appeal: grant.
P.26/90.
Presented by the Finance and Economics Committee.
2. Voluntary severance payments for public employees. P.27/90.
Presented by the Establishment Committee.

The following subjects were lodged on 20th

February, 1990 -

1. Draft Royal Court (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 199 . P.24/90.
Presented by the Legislation Committee.
2. On-street parking charges in St. Helier. P.25/90.
Presented by the Public Works Committee.

Arrangement of Public Business for next Sitting on 13th March, 1990

THE STATES confirmed that the following subjects lodged au Greffe should be considered at the next Sitting on 13th March, 1990 -

Draft Royal Court (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 199 . P.24/90.
Lodged: 20th February, 1990.
Legislation Committee.

Jersey Lifeboat Appeal: grant.
P.26/90.
Lodged: 27th February, 1990.
Finance and Economics Committee.

Voluntary severance payments for public employees. P.27/90.
Lodged: 27th February, 1990.
Establishment Committee.

Motor tax revenue. Questions and answers

Deputy Michael Adam Wavell of St. Helier asked Senator Reginald Robert Jeune, President of the Finance and Economics Committee, the following questions -

Question 1

``Would the President give an indication as to the revenue received from Motor Taxation and an estimate of the annual cost of collecting it under the present procedure?"

The President of the Finance and Economics Committee replied as follows -

``It is estimated that #1.2 million will be collected from the taxation on motor vehicles in 1990.

The cost of the Motor Tax Section of the Treasury amounts to #170,000 per annum. Of this sum #65,000 relates to the annual licence renewal each January and #105,000 is in respect of new vehicle registrations, transfer of ownership, import and export of vehicles and the maintenance of records throughout the year."

Supplementary question and answer

Deputy Wavell - ``Would the President tell the House the number of persons employed by this department?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee - ``It is a pity I did not have notice of that question."

Deputy Wavell

Question 2

``Would the President examine the present procedure and give consideration to a scheme where there would be a nominal charge made for compulsory registration of a vehicle on purchase and, thereafter, motor tax revenue would be collected by means of a surcharge on petrol?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee

``We are currently examining existing procedures. A Working Party comprising of representatives of the Treasury, Personnel, Computer Services, Motor Traffic and the Police are investigating the computerisation of all aspects of motor vehicle registration and renewal procedures. I hope that these investigations should be completed within the next few months.

My Committee has previously considered an addition to the duty on petrol

instead of the annual motor taxation and has decided not to proceed in this for several reasons -

- (a) It would add unnecessarily to the cost of living. An increase in petrol price feeds very quickly into the economy. Taxis, small tradesmen and delivery services generally use petrol driven vehicles and the additional cost of petrol would very quickly filter into pricing structures.
- (b) Although the rates of motor taxation have not increased in recent years, it is still a flexible method of taxation. The present system could, in the future, be used if necessary to support traffic management and control schemes. It would be possible, for example, to be more selective and vary the tax, not only on the size or type of vehicle, but also perhaps on the number of vehicles owned by any one household.
- (c) The present annual renewal provides a positive verification that the vehicle is insured. It may be argued that the current insurance may expire immediately after the renewal date, but this is nevertheless a most important check, and some other means of verification would need to be established.

Some vehicles are presently exempt from paying annual motor tax, for example those adapted for and used by handicapped persons, the cost of such users would increase with any addition to petrol duty.

I am aware that the rate of motor vehicle tax in Jersey is significantly less than either our sister island or the United Kingdom, but it must be remembered that our rates have not been increased since 1981. If we were to increase the rates by an equivalent percentage as the increase in the cost of living since 1981, this would

almost double existing rates of motor tax."

Deputy Wavell

Question 3

"Would the President inform the House of the quantity of petrol sold per year in the Island and indicate what sort of increase such a scheme would cost the public on a gallon of petrol, bearing in mind the inevitable savings on civil service and administration time?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee

"Petrol sold during 1989 amounted to 10.5 million gallons.

Based on the present level of income obtained from existing rates of motor taxation, and assuming that the quantity and type of petrol used remains constant, the duty on petrol would need to be increased by 11 pence per gallon.

This 11 pence per gallon is based on an across the board increase maintaining the same duty differentials between leaded and unleaded. The Committee would however, need to give careful consideration to the future differentials between these types of petrol."

"Can I just tell the Deputy that the number of employees in the Motor Section is six full-time and there are 35 in the January."

Supplementary questions and answers

Senator Shenton - "As President of the Establishment Committee - those figures of the establishment - would the President bear in mind and make known to the working party that there could be considerable savings in manpower if this work was transferred to the Motor Traffic Department."

President, Finance and Economics Committee - ``I am sure that we must bear that in mind and it is an obvious point of consideration."

Connétable of St. John - ``To reduce those figures and costs, has the President given serious consideration to a subject which I think was originally raised by Senator Le Main of having deferred renewals during the year?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee - ``Yes, that is being considered and it is obviously a matter that ought to be considered and I have seen that in discussions with the Treasurer that that consideration should happen."

Deputy H. Baudains - ``Would the President of Finance agree that the annual renewal of tax is very useful because owners of vehicles who move address have to re-register their new address and if they get away with the tax, this might be lost which could be difficult?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee - ``There certainly has to be some registration for records, for police, for insurance, for addresses, there needs to be, and there will have to be people employed to do that, but as I say, with the development of computerisation and the kindly considerations that we are giving to the Connétable of St. John's point of staggered registration, it may be that we can make the position much more efficient."

Deputy G. Rabet - ``Could the President of Finance please investigate if it would be possible, except during the month of January, if the Motor Taxation department could have a trade section only as most people using the Treasury except during the month of January are the motor trades, could the President investigate the possibility of having a trade counter only?"

President, Finance and Economics Committee - "I note what the Deputy has said and we will investigate it."

Proposals to amend the States loan scheme. Questions and answers

Senator Richard Joseph Shenton asked Deputy Hendricus Adolphus Vandervliet of St. Lawrence, President of the Housing Committee, the following questions -

Question 1

"Will the President of the Housing Committee inform the House as to when he was made aware of my proposals to amend the States loan scheme?"

The President of the Housing Committee replied as follows -

"I first saw Senator Shenton's proposals to amend the States loan scheme during October 1989."

Senator Shenton

Question 2

"Will the President also advise the House as to when discussions took place with his Committee?"

President, Housing Committee

"My Committee received a departmental paper on Senator Shenton's report and proposition on 10th November 1989. Having considered the detail of the report and proposition, together with the department's paper, my Committee invited the Senator to its next meeting to discuss with him the content of his report and proposition.

Senator Shenton attended the next Housing Committee meeting on 24th November 1989, and we had a long discussion on all aspects of his report and proposition. My Committee advised the Senator that further consideration would be given to his

proposition, and instructed its department to further research some aspects arising from the discussion.

The matter was discussed again at the Committee meeting of 8th December, 1989, following which we wrote to Senator Shenton, advising him that the Committee could see some merit in parts of his proposals but that in order that yet further information could be made available, further consideration would be given early in the New Year. Senator Shenton's reply suggested that he was prepared to accept this timescale, and advised that 'I would not wish to leave this matter rest too long and if the Committee is not minded to take the matter to the States, then I will do so myself in the early stages of the next session.'

At the very first meeting of 1990 - that is, on 5th January - my Committee gave final consideration to the report and proposition, together with a further departmental paper, and decided that for various reasons it could not support the proposition. I wrote personally conveying the decision to Senator Shenton on 10th January.

The clear implication of this question is that my Committee has taken too much time on the matter. But this, as so aptly put by the Finance and Economics Committee, is a complex matter of housing policy which necessitated considerable research and discussion. Does the Senator appreciate, for example, the following -

- (i) the impact his proposal would have on demand and prices in a market already suffering from acute excess of demand over supply - an aspect of his proposition about which the States Economic Adviser is extremely concerned and which has prompted him to write to us;
- (ii) that one effect of his proposal would be to allow

single persons to buy family homes with States loans which, in my Committee's opinion, is not a good use of our limited stock;

- (iii) that first-time buyers would be permitted to borrow, as of right, considerable sums of money from private lenders at commercial interest rates, and yet seek up to #60,000 from the States at rates as low as 3 per cent;
- (iv) that his proposition seeks to introduce a supplementary loan scheme when it was only in October 1989 that the States agreed to abolish the supplementary loan scheme;
- (v) the problem of who has the first charge on a property when both the States and a bank lend considerable sums on the same property;
- (vi) the knock-on effect which competing with the preferential loans granted by some employers to their staff may have - that is, an ever-increasing spiral of demand and pressure on prices with which the market cannot cope.

Clearly, such issues are of paramount importance, and my Committee was right to give them as much consideration as was necessary."

Supplementary questions and answers

Senator D.A. Carter - ``The question I put to the Housing Committee is that I appreciate their justification for the amount of time they spent up until 10th January but why is it then, can I ask the President, having done all the research, given the matter very, very detailed consideration and having known for a fortnight that this proposition was due to be debated today, do we not have before us a report on the proposition from the

Housing Committee?"

President, Housing Committee - "I was never asked to produce a report. At the last sitting I said that I would be proposing to this House that we prepare a report. It was open to anyone to have made the proposition then, but I wanted to hear, and I said so at the time, I wanted to hear what Senator Shenton had to say."

Senator Shenton - "My reasons for putting forward the questions, will he accept, was because of the very point that Senator Carter has picked up. I am disturbed by the amount of wasted time that this House indulges in and therefore when one knew of the two reports that have been prepared for Housing, and the meeting that had taken place with Housing, quite frankly it was a sense of frustration that here was Finance and Economics who has examined my report and proposition and it is delayed because it goes to them first, suddenly saying well we think we should have a report from Housing and it does make me think why people can't pick up a phone and say to Housing have you researched Senator Shenton's proposition, if so let us have it, because that's the way we operate. I am just concerned with the complete waste of time of the States' Members?"

President, Housing Committee - There may be not much difference in Senator Shenton's mind between a department paper and a committee paper, but so far as I am concerned, a committee paper is a committee paper and I want that report for the House to be prepared and vetted by the Committee, because this is to me an important one. But as I said before there was no reason at all why anyone a fortnight ago would not have suggested, put it to the House that a report be prepared, but as far as the delay is concerned I have explained it went to Committee three times, but I haven't added that the meeting that took place at the beginning of December and both the Chief Officer and I were absent

through illness."

Senator Horsfall - ``When this report and proposition of Senator Shenton's came to the Finance Committee, in fact we were under the impression that a report was actually being prepared by the Housing Committee at that time, so we were expecting that such a report would become available in due course."

President, Housing Committee - ``I saw the minute from the Finance and Economics Committee that they thought a report should be made available but I received no request for it."

Senator Shenton - ``May I say that, having heard that and I appreciate what the Vice-President has said and again I don't want to waste time, I see no point in discussing the matter then waiting for the report from Housing. If it is that the House wants a report from Housing before it is debated, I would rather wait for that report to be given to this House and then debated. I am ready as and when that report comes forward."

Senator Carter - ``Given the past history and the depth of information research which has already been carried out I would like to ask the President of Housing how long it would take to present this report, will it be one fortnight from today or two fortnights from today?"

President, Housing Committee - ``I hope, and I have every reason to believe, and I have discussed this with the Chief Executive Officer, I would hope that we would be actually putting the report in front of the House a fortnight today and I hope that it will be debated a fortnight after that when people have had time to study the report. That is my firm intention."

Senator B. Brooke - ``The report that is before the House, P.18/90, relating to this series of questions, if

Members wish to debate P.18 today, is it possible that we can do this? Would the Housing Committee President be prepared to allow the debate?"

President, Housing Committee - ``As far as I am concerned, I am delighted with what Senator Shenton has said that we have a debate once the paper is in front of us that everyone can see what the size of the problem is and all its different aspects."

Deputy E.J. Becquet - ``Would the President of the Housing Committee not agree that the report of his Committee is contained in the answers to his questions?"

President, Housing Committee - ``Absolutely. The only thing I think I should say is that when this proposition was sent to me, had it been sent to the Finance and Economics Committee in the first place and not to me personally at home the matter could have been debated before Christmas. The Finance and Economics Committee would have requested a report, I am absolutely certain, and it could have been debated before Christmas. But it didn't go, actually the Senator wanted me to bring this proposition to the States."

Private sector rent rebate scheme.
Statement

The President of the Housing Committee made a statement in the following terms -

``I am grateful to have this opportunity to advise members on the current position with regard to the introduction of a private sector rent rebate scheme.

Members will recall that in December 1989, the States approved a proposition of the Housing Committee which authorised the Committee to prepare the necessary legislation to introduce a rent rebate scheme for private sector tenants during 1990, as

set out in the report of the Committee dated 31st October 1989.' Members will also recall how the report in question proposed that because the Committee was charting new waters, the scheme should be introduced on a trial basis for the first year, at the end of which time the Committee would report back to the States. The report also stated that the Committee proposed to introduce the scheme through triennial regulations.

Following consultation with the Attorney General and Greffier of the States, my Committee has decided that it now wishes to introduce the scheme in its first, experimental year without regulations, for two reasons -

- (i) during the first year we will encounter many difficult, unexpected problems which will call for flexibility on our part;
- (ii) the drafting of these regulations is likely to be complex, and inevitably if they are to be done properly, time-consuming. My Committee wishes to introduce the scheme as soon as possible and I feel sure that in this endeavour we have the full support of the States.

Given the above, I can advise the House that subject to the States approving our application for funds to finance the scheme (to be included in April's supply day requests), we are confident of introducing the scheme on Monday, 30th April 1990. The States Personnel Department is currently recruiting the necessary staff to operate the scheme, and we hope to have them in office by 1st April. Assuming our supply request is approved on 24th April, we shall advertise extensively that the scheme is to operate from 30th April and that application forms and notes for guidance are available from the Housing Department.

Although we propose to introduce the

scheme without regulations, its application will be based on the principles set out in the Committee's report. The Committee will exercise discretion to refuse an application for rebate where it is not satisfied that an applicant qualifies, though such applicants will have right of appeal to the Committee, and of course representation if they so wish. In time, regulations will set out the entitlements of applicants, having been drafted following practical experience of operating the scheme. The need for caution in the early days of the scheme is paramount.

We cannot be sure how many applications to expect once the scheme has been advertised. In our report to the States we estimated a maximum of 2,500 eligible tenants with a likely take-up of approximately 1,800 tenants. Clearly, if all eligible tenants apply within a short timescale there will be initial practical problems of dealing with the workload and inevitably there will be some delay between receipt of an application and payment of rebate, especially in light of the fact that properties will need to be visited to ensure that rents charged are fair and reasonable. Applicants will need to be patient in the knowledge that rebate will be backdated to 30th April or the date of application, (whichever is the later), for those tenants who satisfy the terms of the scheme."

Sale of a flat at Maison d'Azette.
Statement

The President of the Housing Committee made a statement in the following terms -

``I wish to advise the House of the background to an issue which received press coverage last week.

On Monday, 19th February, a letter from Senator Shenton was received in my Department, asking for an `investigation' and `full report' on

the events surrounding the sale of a flat at Maison d'Azette. A copy of Senator Shenton's letter was forwarded to my home address and arrived on Tuesday, 20th February, when I was able to see it for the first time. My Chief Officer had already commenced researching the issue and preparing a report for the Senator.

On Thursday, 22nd February, Senator Shenton contacted a Jersey Evening Post reporter and, I am advised, complained that he had written to me seeking a report, but had not yet received one. The issue was front page headlines that evening, three days following receipt of his letter in my Department and two days after my having received a copy in my home.

I do not consider that Senator Shenton has behaved fairly and reasonably in the way he has handled this matter to date. If the matter justified writing to me and calling for an investigation and full report in the first place, it surely justified giving me reasonable time to provide him with such a report.

The matter in question - concerning price control and the problem affecting a Maison d'Azette flat - is an important one, and one on which I propose to give the States a full account at the earliest opportunity."

Sous-magistrat: appointment

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Establishment Committee, appointed Advocate David Anthony Trott to the post of Sous-magistrat from 1st May, 1990.

Victoria Pier: renewal of lease of warehouse accommodation

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Harbours and Airport Committee -

(a) approved the renewal of the lease to Huelin-Renouf Shipping of

ground floor accommodation and partially usable first floor storage accommodation in the warehouse on the Victoria Pier for a period of nine years, effective from 1st January, 1990 until 31st December, 1998, at an initial annual rent of #29,250 with a rent review each year linked to the Jersey Cost of Living Index over the previous twelve month period to the quarter ended September;

- (b) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the necessary agreement with the Company; and
- (c) authorised the Treasurer of the States to receive the payments as they become due.

Queen's Road/Rouge Bouillon
junction: roundabout. P.13/90

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition
of the Island Development Committee -

- (a) approved the design of the proposed roundabout at the junction of Queen's Road and Rouge Bouillon as shown on Drawing No. 290/8;
- (b) approved the transfer of administration from the Education Committee to the Public Services Committee of the area of land designated ``A" on Drawing No. 290/8;
- (c) approved the transfer of administration from the Island Development Committee to the Public Services Committee of the area of land and buildings designated ``B" on Drawing No. 290/8;
- (d) approved the transfer of administration from the Island Development Committee to the Education Committee of the area of land and buildings designated ``C" on Drawing No. 290/8;

(e) authorised the Greffier of the States to sign the Drawing on behalf of the States.

Draft Public Finances
(Administration) (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey)
Law 199 . P.15/90 and P.22/90

THE STATES commenced consideration of the draft Public Finances (Administration) (Amendment No. 5) (Jersey) Law 199 (lodged on 13th February 1990) and adopted the Preamble and Articles 1, 2 and 3.

Article 4 was adopted, the States having accepted an amendment of Senator Dereck André Carter that in the quoted paragraph (2) for sub-paragraph (a) there should be substituted the following sub-paragraph -

“(a) the Committee may, having notified the Finance and Economics Committee, use unspent money available in another vote of credit; or”

Members present voted as follows for Senator Carter's amendment -

“Pour” (25)

Senators

Shenton, Baal, Rothwell, Brooke, Carter, Stein.

Connétables

St. John, St. Helier, St. Clement, St. Lawrence, St. Mary, St. Ouen, St. Saviour, St. Martin.

Deputies

de la Haye(H), Beadle(B), Wavell(H), Norman(C), St. John, Le Sueur(H), Coutanche(L), Jordan(B), Bailhache(H), Rabet(H), Baudains(H).

“Contre” (22)

Senators

Jeune, Binnington, Horsfall, Ellis, Le Maistre.

Connétables

St. Peter, St. Brelade, Trinity,

Grouville.

Deputies

Morel(S), Le Gallais(S), Roche(S),
Trinity, Vandervliet(L), Blampied(H),
Billot(S), St. Peter, Baudains(C),
Buesnel(H), St. Ouen, Huelin(B), St.
Mary.

Article 5 was adopted, the States having accepted an amendment of Senator Carter that for the words "sub-paragraphs (a) and (b)" there should be substituted the words "sub-paragraph (b)".

Articles 6 and 7 were adopted.

The Regulations were adopted, as amended, and lodged in Second Reading (P.28/90).

Building loans: extension of scheme. P.18/90

THE STATES acceded to the request of Senator Richard Joseph Shenton that his proposition regarding the extension of the building loans scheme (lodged on 13th February 1990) be deferred to 27th March 1990. A report of the Housing Committee on the proposition was to be presented to the States on 13th March 1990.

Abbeyfield Jersey Society: further loan. P.19/90

THE STATES, adopting a Proposition of the Finance and Economics Committee -

- (a) authorised the granting of a further loan to the Abbeyfield Jersey Society for the purpose of assisting with the purchase, conversion and extension of Lynton, Nelson Avenue, Havre des Pas into 16 units of accommodation for the elderly;
- (b) agreed that the further loan should be fifty per cent of the increased cost of the purchase, conversion and extension up to a maximum of #125,000, with interest

at four per cent per annum, and should be repayable in equal annual instalments over a period of 15 years;

- (c) agreed that the additional loan should be subject to the same condition as the original loan, that is, that no persons shall be allowed to take up accommodation in the development without the prior notice and agreement of the Housing Committee.

Sea-Fisheries (Size Limits)
(Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations
1990. P.21/90

THE STATES, in pursuance of Articles 2 and 6 of the Sea-Fisheries (Jersey) Law 1962, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Sea-Fisheries (Size Limits) (Amendment No. 2) (Jersey) Regulations 1990.

Urban sites: purchase for residential development. P.20/90

THE STATES, adopting a proposition of the Policy and Resources Committee -

- (1) agreed to purchase, on behalf of the public of the Island, the undermentioned urban sites required for States' category 'A' housing, on the basis set out in the report, dated 7th February 1990, of the Policy and Resources Committee, with the consideration in each case to be paid out of the capital vote of credit granted to the Island Development Committee C.0904 'Acquisition of Land - Major Reserve' -
 - (a) the former Channel Television site, Rouge Bouillon, St. Helier, measuring approximately 27,900 square feet, from Yew Holdings Limited, for a consideration of #3.25 million, with each side being responsible for the payment of its own legal

fees;

(b) the Ritz Hotel, Colomberie, St. Helier, measuring approximately 39,200 square feet, from the Modern Hotels Group, for a consideration not exceeding #5.735 million, with each side being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees;

(c) Cleveland Garages, David Place, St. Helier, measuring approximately 15,250 square feet, from D.G. Properties Limited, for a consideration of #1.475 million, with each side being responsible for the payment of its own legal fees.

(2) authorised the Attorney General and the Greffier of the States to pass the necessary contracts in the matter.

Members present voted as follows for paragraph (1)(a) -

``Pour" (37)

Senators

Shenton, Jeune, Horsfall, Ellis, Baal, Rothwell, Brooke, Carter, Stein.

Connétables

St. Peter, St. Clement, St. Lawrence, St. Ouen, St. Brelade, Trinity, St. Martin.

Deputies

de la Haye(H), Morel(S), Le Gallais(S), Roche(S), Vandervliet(L), Beadle(B), Wavell(H), Blampied(H), Billot(S), Norman(C), St. John, St. Peter, Baudains (C), Le Sueur(H), St. Ouen, Coutanche(L), Huelin(B), Jordan(B), St. Mary, Bailhache(H), Baudains(H).

``Contre" (6)

Connétables

St. John, St. Helier, St. Mary,
Grouville.

Deputies

Trinity, Buesnel(H).

Senator Bernard Thomas Binnington, having declared an interest in the matter, withdrew from the Chamber prior to the debate.

Family Allowances (Jersey)
Regulations 1990. P.149/89

THE STATES, in pursuance of Article 7 of the Family Allowances (Jersey) Law 1972, as amended, made Regulations entitled the Family Allowances (Jersey) Regulations 1990.

Health and Safety at Work
(Inquiries Procedure) (Jersey) Regulations
1990. P.23/90

THE STATES, in pursuance of paragraph (3) of Article 18 of the Health and Safety at Work (Jersey) Law 1989, made Regulations entitled the Health and Safety at Work (Inquiries Procedure) (Jersey) Regulations 1990.

Draft Public Works Committee and
Resources Recovery Board (Amalgamation)
(Jersey) Act 1990 - continuation of
consideration of paragraph (b). P.10/90

THE STATES acceded to the request of the President of the Policy and Resources Committee that continuation of consideration of paragraph (b) of the draft Public Works Committee and Resources Recovery Board (Amalgamation) (Jersey) Act 1990 (i.e. responsibility for energy policy) be deferred to the next Sitting.

Public Services Committee:

appointment of members

THE STATES, on the proposition of
Deputy John Le Gallais of St. Saviour,
newly elected President of the Public
Services Committee, appointed the following
as Members -

Senator Richard Joseph Shenton
Fred Philip Webber Clarke, Connétable
of St. Helier
David John de la Haye, Deputy of St.
Helier
Mervyn Renouf Billot, Deputy of St.
Saviour
Derek Ryder Maltwood, Deputy of St.
Mary.

THE STATES rose at 5 p.m.

R.S. GRAY

Deputy Greffier of the States.